

REMARKS

The Office Action of September 29, 2003 has been has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Applicants affirm the remarks made in the telephone interview of September 12, 2003 and elect to prosecute claims 1-9 and 11-27. Claims 1-10, and 13-27 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 11 and 12 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 11 has accordingly been rewritten as suggested by the Office Action claim 12 depends from claim 11.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, withdrawal of the instant rejections and objections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is required for this submission. If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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